

Editor James of *The Canadian Statesman*, recently visited Public School No. 12, The Bronx, New York City, and was present at a "parents' meeting". In discussing the desirability of reviving these functions in Canada, he says:—"Those of us who grew up in the country and were school girls and boys in the latter half of the last century, very well remember the Spring and Christmas examinations and entertainments when the parents were invited to attend school for a half-day to see their young hopefuls in class-work for a time, then to be entertained by their recitations, dialogues, singing, etc. It was a red-letter day to all in the school section. Usually these functions were attended also by a teacher or two from other schools nearby. Of late years we have not heard so much about these parents' meetings in Canada. We think their passing out of vogue is to be sincerely regretted."

Mr. E. A. Lynch has been appointed teacher of art in the Collegiate Institute at Portage la Prairie.

Mr. H. C. Pugh, B.A., of Listowel, has accepted an appointment to the staff of the science department in Hamilton Collegiate Institute.

Miss R. Maude W. Cole, of Gilbert Plains, Man., has been appointed assistant in the High School at Maple Leaf, Man.

Mr. Roy T. Tarves, of Woodbridge, has been appointed principal of Bellevue Public School, Brantford, in succession to Miss Lettie Carrow.

Miss G. M. Peel of Bethune, Sask., is now teaching in the Public School at Hanley, Sask.

Miss Margaret J. Bessett of last year's class in the Faculty of Education, Toronto, is teaching the junior third class in the Blyth Continuation School. Miss Hazel C. Hooper, B.A., of the same year has accepted an appointment to the staff of Mount Albert Continuation School.

The Ontario Department of Education has authorized a new High School Algebra to be introduced at the opening of the High and Continuation Schools next September. The author of the text is Mr. J. T. Crawford, B.A., of the Faculty of Education, University of Toronto. The publishers are the Macmillan Co., of Canada, and the book will be issued early in January. In accordance with the policy of the Department in lowering the price of school books, this text will retail at 42 cents, instead of 50 cents, the price of the present text.

"A Saskatchewan Teacher" writes to THE SCHOOL as follows: "Perhaps other teachers have noticed a fact which has impressed me, particularly in Western Schools; that is, that so many of the pupils are unfamiliar with even the best-known Bible stories. When allusion is made in literature lessons to some of these, it is pathetic to note how little the pupils can tell about them. Surely it is within our province